

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-76 (canceled)

77. (currently amended) In a collapsible fish-landing net apparatus of the type including a telescoping handle, a foldable frame, and a net on the frame, the improvement comprising:

- the handle being formed by a plurality of telescoping sections, a net-adjacent one of which has a distal end facing the net;
- the frame being secured to the net-adjacent telescoping section; and
- a submersible ~~an~~ LED illuminator for illuminating the net, all of the illuminator being disposed in the distal end of the net-adjacent section, facing the net and remote from the opposite end of the handle, the illuminator including:
 - a light body secured to the distal end of the net-adjacent section, the light body having a net-facing end and a single inner recess;
 - at least one light-emitting diode (LED) and at least one battery for electric power to the LED both ~~secured~~ entirely disposed within the single inner recess; and
 - a switch secured to the light body for on/off switching of electric power to the LED, the switch having an LED-light passage portion therethrough.

78. (currently amended) The fish-landing net apparatus of claim 77 wherein the illuminator further ~~including~~ includes a switch secured to the light body for on/off switching of electric power to the LED, the switch is a rotary-switch lens cap with an LED-light passage portion therethrough ~~and, the rotary-switch lens cap~~ having a first end engaging a lens and an opposite second end rotatably attached to the net-facing end of the light body.

79. (previously presented) The fish-landing net apparatus of claim 78 wherein the LED illuminator is adapted for changing the light brightness level by rotating the rotary switch, the illuminator further including:

- a plurality of switch positions corresponding to a plurality of brightness levels accessed by rotating the rotary switch lens; and
- an illumination level control adapting the LED to the plurality of brightness levels corresponding to the plurality of switch positions.

80. (previously presented) The fish-landing net apparatus of claim 77 wherein the frame has at least one surface facing the LED and having a reflective portion.

81. (previously presented) The fish-landing net apparatus of claim 80 wherein the reflective portion is one of reflective tape and reflective coating.

82. (previously presented) The fish-landing net apparatus of claim 81 wherein the reflective portion contains fluorescent pigment.

83. (previously presented) The fish-landing net apparatus of claim 82 wherein the surface of the frame further includes an optical filter for filtering light emitted by an excitation of the fluorescent pigment.

84. (previously presented) The fish-landing net apparatus of claim 80 herein the light body is further adapted for focusing a light beam emitted from the illuminator on the reflective portion.

85-91 (cancelled)

92. (new) In a collapsible fish-landing net apparatus of the type including a telescoping handle, a foldable frame, and a net on the frame, the improvement comprising:

- the handle being formed by a plurality of telescoping sections, a net-adjacent one of which has a distal end facing the net;
- the frame being secured to the net-adjacent telescoping section; and
- a submersible LED illuminator for illuminating the net, all of the illuminator being disposed in the distal end of the handle, facing the net and remote from the opposite end of the handle, the illuminator including:
 - a light body disposed in a frame-adjacent end of the handle, the light body having a net-facing end, the light body having a single inner recess; and
 - at least one light-emitting diode (LED) and at least one battery both entirely disposed within the single inner recess.